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Date August 7, 2006

**APPROVING EMPLOYMENT AND PAYMENT OF
VARNUM, RIDDERING, SCHMIDT AND HOWLETT LLP**

WHEREAS, the law firm of Varnum, Riddering, Schmidt and Howlett LLP has substantial expertise and experience in issues related to expenses of franchised utilities; and

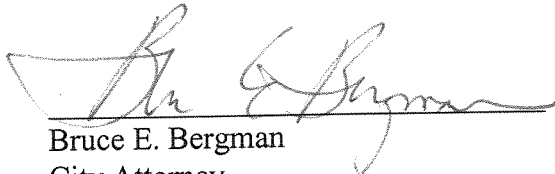
WHEREAS, it is the recommendation of the Legal Department that the City should employ Varnum, Riddering, Schmidt and Howlett LLP to consult and perform such services as are required.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Des Moines, Iowa:

That the law firm of Varnum, Riddering, Schmidt and Howlett LLP is hereby employed to consult with and perform such legal services for the City of Des Moines, Iowa, with the fee for such legal representation not to exceed the sum of \$1,600.00, and the Finance Director is directed to issue a warrant payable to Varnum, Riddering, Schmidt and Howlett LLP upon certification by the City Attorney of the amount due for such legal services.

Moved by _____ to adopt.

APPROVED AS TO FORM:


Bruce E. Bergman
City Attorney

COUNCIL ACTION	YEAS	NAYS	PASS	ABSENT
COWNIE				
BROOKS				
COLEMAN				
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APPROVED

Mayor

CERTIFICATE

I, DIANE RAUH, City Clerk of said City hereby certify that at a meeting of the City Council of said City of Des Moines, held on the above date, among other proceedings the above was adopted.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my seal the day and year first above written.

City Clerk